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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 14th February 2026

Mysuru Literary Fest on Feb. 22

Mysuru, Feb. 14- Mysore Literary Association, Mysuru, has organised its Mysuru Literary Fest-2026 at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in city on Feb. 22 from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

Dr. Gururaj Karajagi, Eminent Educationist, will inaugurate the event. Prof. K.C. Belliappa, Association President and former Vice-Chancellor of Central University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, will preside.

Inauguration will follow sessions by Dr. B. Hariharan, Senior Professor of English, University of Kerala, on *Don Quixote's Life in New Translations* at **11. 30 am**; Preeti Shenoy, Author and Illustrator, *In Conversation with Dr. Geetha Kariappa* at **12.30 pm**; M.K. Raghavendra, Film Critic and writer, *Narration in Indian Popular Cinema and the Mimetic Urge* at **2.30 pm** and Dr. Chandan Gowda, Professor and Dean, School of Liberal Arts, Vidyashilp University, Bengaluru, *Romancing Development: The Mysore Episode* at **3.30 pm.**

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SAVING STUDENTS TAKES MORE THAN HELPLINES: ***The statistic should shame any society into urgent action: 855 students ended their lives in Karnataka in 2023. Against this grim backdrop, the government's move to roll out a dedicated student suicide prevention policy is welcome. It signals a long-overdue acknowledgement that student suicides are not isolated tragedies but a systemic failure that demands a coordinated, State-led response.***

The policy's primary strength lies in its comprehensive approach, covering students across both government-run and private institutions. The mentor-parent-teacher initiative, where a single teacher is assigned responsibility for up to 25 students, is particularly significant. If implemented with sincerity, it can humanise rigid institutions and create early-warning systems in which students feel seen, heard and supported. Regular counselling, multi-departmental coordination and targeted interventions are imperative in hostels where homesickness and psychological stress are acute.

Importantly, the policy aligns with the National Suicide Prevention Strategy, which aims to reduce suicide mortality by 10% by 2030 through multi-sectoral action and integration of mental health into primary healthcare...

Suicide prevention cannot succeed through helplines and circulars alone. It requires a holistic solution that goes beyond reactive care. It requires solutions that dismantle the pressure-cooker academic culture, aggressively erase the stigma of failure and check easy access to hazardous materials like pesticides, commonly used in rural suicides. Every parent, teacher, warden and administrator must be trained as a first line of mental health response, capable of recognising silent distress before it turns into a crisis. At the same time, institutions must be mandated to have qualified, full-time counsellors, rather than expecting undertrained, overburdened teachers to double up as therapists.

Supreme Court guidelines already stipulate that any institution with over 100 students must have a qualified, full-time counsellor on-site. This policy is a step in the right direction. But saving lives demands more than incrementalism. It requires ambition, resources and the courage to rethink how we educate, evaluate and care for our young. It is time to replace the mindset of managing decline with the courage to protect life at any cost.—*In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Smallest skyscraper, a result of a scam

Wichita Falls: At just 40 feet tall, the Newby-McMahon Building in Wichita Falls isn't very impressive, even when compared to regular-sized buildings, let alone skyscrapers. And yet it was supposed to be one of the most imposing skyscrapers of its time when it was designed in the early 1900s.

Newby-McMahon Building is indeed dwarfed by every skyscraper in the world as it's dwarfed by several normal buildings in Wichita Falls, but the story of how it came to be is truly fascinating.

The architect of this ingenious scam used his own crew to conduct the construction and by the time his plan was revealed, he was long gone. Investors tried suing to get their money back, but because the plans for the world's smallest skyscraper clearly said 480 inches, not feet, the judge dismissed their attempt, faulting them for not paying more attention.

Flying pig leaves village without power

Beijing: A remote-controlled drone carrying a whole pig became entangled in high-voltage power lines and left en entire Sichuan village without power.

A "modern pig herder" recently came up with the brilliant idea of transporting his pigs using a drone. While attempting its maiden voyage, the drone became entangled in high-voltage powerlines, which not only caused the poor pig hanging from it to remain suspended in the air for hours, but also cut the power to the entire village leaving the residents fuming.

It took 12 people over ten hours to restore power in the area, and the cost of the repairs was estimated at around 10,000 yuan ($1,400). The farmer said that the drone entangled due to poor visibility. An investigation found him guilty of flying a drone in a no-fly zone as well as overloading it.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Persistent changes in bowel habits should be evaluated early to rule out inflammatory or malignant conditions.

By Dr. Nischay R - Consultant – Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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Entries invited for Children's Book and Bala Gourava Awards

Mysuru, Feb.14- The Women and Child Development Department has invited entries from talented children for presentation of 'Makkala Pustaka Chandira' Book Award (2024 - 2025).

Children can send their entries under 7 categories of Child Literature — self composed poem, collection of stories, plays, collection of science articles, translated work, critical review and novel — along with 4 copies of their work to: The Planning Officer, Karnataka Bala Vikasa Academy, behind Chandrika Layout, KHB Colony, Lakamanahalli, Dharwad-580004, before Feb.20.

The Academy has also invited entries from children for Bala Gourava for 2024-25 & 2025-26.

Children below 18 years of age, who have excelled/ achieved big in different fields at the National and International level, can send entries. Achievers in the fields of Sports, Music, Dance, Multifaceted talent, Acting, Painting and Science & Technology are eligible.

The prescribed entry forms can be obtained from Women and Child Development Department Office located at Shakti Bhavan, K.D. Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru (Ph: 0821-2495432) and the same should be submitted along with supporting documents to Karnataka Balavikas Academy Office at Dharwad, the address of which is mentioned above, before Feb.20.

For more details, contact Ph: 0836-2465490 or Mob:80503-92209 or 94489-81944.

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Yesterday's level **118.15 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,274.27 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.76 feet**
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Lake encroachment in K.C. Layout

Lake Saved

SOM impact

The Mysuru Taluk Administration using earth movers to demolish the compound wall constructed around the 3.40-acre lake land in K.C. Layout at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (BCT)- In a major encroachment clearance drive this morning, the Mysuru Taluk Administration cleared the 3 acre 40 guntas lake in K.C. Layout (Kempu Cheluvajammanni Layout), located at the foot of Chamundi Hill. *Star of Mysore (SOM)* had published a series of news regarding the encroachment and the first report, 'Lake on paper but Layout on land ?!' was published on Jan. 27, 2026.

The lake land falls under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4. Under the leadership of Tahsildar K.M. Mahesh Kumar, earth movers were used to dismantle pre-cast compound wall and other fencing that were erected around water body. The lake was being claimed as private property, with two name boards erected at the site, threatening legal action if anyone claims ownership of the lake. Two individuals had claimed ownership of the land.

However, official maps of Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) identify area as a lake. The earth movers also pulled out name boards and concrete walls were also partially demolished. Old timers and villagers say that this is a lake that belonged to Kurubarahalli village. "Thirsty cattle once came to drink water. Yet attempts were made to encroach it. When villagers resisted, cases were filed forcing them to make repeated Court visits," residents said.

(See LAKE on page 9)

Holiday

*Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of **Mahashivarathri**. Hence, there will be no issue of **Star of Mysore** dated **Feb. 15, 2026.***

— Management

NEWS BRIEFS

Nominations invited

The District Administration has invited online nominations from deserving Government Officials/ staff for selection to State-level and District-level 'Sarvothama Seva' Award-2026. The nominations should be made separately for State-level and District-level awards before Feb. 26. Nominations can be made in Kannada or English — ***https://dparar.karnataka.gov.in*** or ***https://sarvothamaawards.karnataka.gov.in***. Those applying in Kannada, should use only Nudi 6.0 software.

Workshop on usage of AI in Agriculture

Marking Radio Kisan Programme Day, a workshop on usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and on agricultural start-ups, has been organised at Seminar Hall of CIIL on Hunsur Road in city at 10 am on Feb. 16. CIIL Director Prof. Shailendra Mohan will inaugurate. Akashvani Assistant Director Manjunath N. Bedre will preside. Mandya Agricultural University Special Officer Dr. K.M. Harini Kumar will deliver the keynote address.

Sculpture and printing art workshop

Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA) has organised a one-day workshop on Sculpture and Printing Art at its premises in Siddarthanagar at 10.30 am on Feb. 16. The event will also feature a display of sculptural art works prepared by students. Bengaluru's noted Animation Art Director B.N. Vichar will inaugurate the workshop while Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Commissioner A. Deva-raju, who is also CAVA Dean, will preside.

Ayurveda health check-up camp

City's Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital, KBL Layout, near Devegowda Circle, has organised a free week-long Ayurvedic health check-up camp at its premises from Feb. 16 to 21. The camp will focus on Psoriasis (Kitiba Kusta) and Hearing and Ear care. Contact Mob: 97317-99317.

Ph.D awardee

S. Revathi Bai has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Socio-Economic Impact of e-Governance Initiatives in Karnataka - With Special Reference to Khajane-II' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Navitha Thimmaiah.

Ex-MUDA Commissioner elevated to selection grade

Dr. D.B. Natesh

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&BCT)- The State Government has promoted 20 senior-grade Karnataka Administrative Service (KAS) officers, including former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) — now Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) — Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, who has been facing allegations of irregularities in site allotments under the 50:50 ratio scheme.

A notification issued yesterday by K.H. Keshava Prasad, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, stated that officers of the 1998 batch of KAS have been promoted to the selection grade. However, for administrative convenience, they will continue in their present postings.

Natesh has been accused of allotting 14 prime sites in Vijayanagar 3rd and 4th Stages to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, in exchange for her 3.16-acre land in Survey No. 464 of Kesare. These allotments were made during Natesh's tenure as MUDA Commissioner.

Defending his actions, Natesh maintained that there was no irregularity in the site allotments to Parvathi. He stated that he had persuaded her to accept the sites to avoid potential legal complications for MUDA.

Natesh was also interrogated by the Mysuru Lokayukta Police and the Enforcement Directorate in connection with alleged irregularities in site allotments under the MUDA 50:50 scheme during his tenure. The Enforcement Directorate searched his residence and examined related records.

Challenging the case, Natesh filed a petition in the High Court. While the Court declared the ED's search of his residence unlawful, it permitted the investigation to continue.

Subsequently, the State Home Department granted sanction to prosecute Natesh. Despite these proceedings, reports had surfaced about 15 days ago that the Government was quietly preparing to promote him.

Natesh is currently serving as Chief Executive Officer of the Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board in Bengaluru.

Other officers promoted

Among the other officers promoted are: B.C. Shivananda Murthy, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mandya; M.K. Savita, Registrar, University of Mysore; B.N. Veena, Joint Director, Administrative Training Institute, Mysuru; R. Rangaswamy, Deputy Administrator, Command Area Development Authority (CADA); H.N. Shivegowda, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB), Bengaluru; K.N. Praveen, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA); N.S. Chidananda, Director, Department of Industrial Training and Employment; Aziz Desai, Planning Director, Dharwad District Urban Development Cell; and Ravindra Karilingannanavar, Deputy Commissioner, Greater Bengaluru Authority.

Also promoted are: R. Meghana, Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, Mangaluru; H.G. Chandrashekaraiah, Joint Director, Agriculture Department; Sajid Ahmed Mulla, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Karwar; Jayashree Shintri, Registrar, Dharwad Agricultural University; Dr. Audram, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapura; Ravichandra Nayak, Commissioner, Mangaluru City Corporation; Arul Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department; Dr. K. Dakshayini, Joint Commissioner, BBMP Bengaluru East Zone; and C.D. Geetha, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad. All will continue in their current positions.

Vimukthi - Drive Against Drugs

City Cops search 61 lodges, 22 PGs and 41 parks

K.R. Sub-Division ACP Ramesh Kumar and Vidyaranyapuram Inspector Yogananjappa during 'Vimukthi' awareness programme held at Christ College in Srirampura on Thursday.

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (MK&BS)- The City Police, who have launched Vimukthi, a drive against drugs, inspected 61 lodges, 22 Paying Guest (PG) accommodations and 41 parks, godowns and lonely houses in the outskirts on Feb. 12. During the search of 18 suspects, two were found under the influence of drugs and cases have been booked against them in Narasimharaja (NR) Police Station.

Following the complaints received through WhatsApp number (82779-48080), as part of the Vimukthi drive, the intensified searches are being conducted by the City Police. The identity of the informers will be kept secret.

Under Vimukthi, the schools and colleges are being visited by the jurisdictional Police personnel and the posters of the drive, consisting awareness messages against the consumption of drugs and substance abuse, containing the information related to the drive, helpline numbers and other details, are being pasted on the notice board.

Accordingly, Devaraja Police, yesterday conducted the awareness drive at Maharani's Junior College, Vivekananda Degree College, Vidya Vikas Students Hostel, Bannur Road, Government Nature Cure and Yogic Medical College, Brindavan Extension, D. Devaraj Urs Boys Hostel, Nandini Layout and SNS PU College, Alanahalli.

Posters were also pasted at the areas in the surroundings of schools, colleges, hostels, parks, prominent tourist places, appealing to the public to share the information related to sale, supply and consumption of drugs.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Feb. 14- The body of an unidentified man, aged about 55-60 years, was found near the PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra in front of the City Railway Station on Feb. 12.

The man is aged about 55-60 years, 5.6 ft. in height, medium built and wheatish in complexion with a wide forehead.

The body has been kept in the mortuary of Mandya District Hospital. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579 or 94808-02122.

Obituary

Dr. M. Somashekaraiah

Mysuru, Feb. 14- Dr. M. Somashekaraiah (92), a veteran freedom fighter and a retired Civil Surgeon of Cheluvamba Hospital in the city, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife K.N. Sharada, sons S. Prakash (Civil Engineer) and S. Prasad (Advocate) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram here yesterday evening.

Kechettira Appaiah

Kechettira Appaiah (Ajju), son of late Nanjappa and a resident of Sathagalli Second Stage here, passed away here yesterday. He was 81.

A native of Begur, he leaves behind a host of relatives and friends. His wife Bojamma (Changanda) had predeceased him.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this afternoon.

VOICE OF THE READER

Lurking danger on Vishwa Manava Double Road

Sir,

I wish to draw attention to a serious safety concern at the Vishwa Manava Double Road Junction near the statue, where seven roads converge without a traffic signal.

While installing a signal here may be impractical for various reasons, the real danger lies in the three round stone slabs placed at the junction. This is a junction for seven roads from five different directions.

Currently, these slabs have no reflectors, making them nearly invisible to drivers after sunset. Several vehicles have already collided with the bottom-most slab, causing damage and posing risks to both motorists and pedestrians.

I strongly urge the authorities to take immediate action by fixing reflectors — at least on the bottom slab, ensuring visibility from all directions. Ideally, all three slabs should be fitted with powerful reflectors to enhance safety and prevent further accidents.

This is a simple yet vital step that can save lives and protect property. I hope the authorities will act promptly in the interest of public safety.

—**N. Rajashekar**
Kuvempunagar
1.2.2025

Photo expo on 'Moths & Butterflies' at Chitrakala Parishath till Feb. 16

Bengaluru, Feb. 14 (BS)- A photography exhibition by A.C. Arun Kumar Raj Urs and his wife Namratha Urs, on the topic 'Night N'Day Pollinators from the Western Ghats - Moths & Butterflies' is being held at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumarapark East.

The expo is organised by Arun Kumar Raj Urs in memory of his father A.R. Chamappaji Urs, (great grandson of Arepur Bakshi Basappaji Urs, who was the brother-in-law, mentor and guardian to Chamarajendra Wadiyar X).

The exhibition was inaugurated by Malleshwaram MLA and former Dy.CM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan on Feb.11. It will be open till Feb. 16 from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm.

During the inauguration of photo exhibition, the guests of honour were Parishath President B.L. Shankar, Vice-Presidents K.S. Appajaiah and T. Prabhakar and General Secretary S.N. Shashidhar. Dr. Krushnamegh Kunte, Associate Professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Bengaluru, was the guest speaker.

Arun Kumar is an architectural photographer while Namratha is a former software professional, with a common interest in butterfly.

Arun has dedicated his life to wildlife studies for about 30 years. For the last 12 years, he has been monitoring butterfly migration, while Namratha has been documenting butterflies for the past 8 years.

Former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who inaugurated the exhibition at Chitrakala Parishath in Bengaluru, seen taking a look at the photographs on display. Also seen are Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath President B.L. Shankar *(extreme left)* ***and Architectural Photographer Arun Kumar Raj Urs.***

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Kumaravyasa Jayanti on Feb. 15

Mysuru, Feb. 14- Kumaravyasa Jayanti will be celebrated under the joint aegis of Mysuru District Unit of Karnataka Gamaka Kala Parishat and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, at Sahitya Parishat Bhavan in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here at 10 am tomorrow (Feb. 15).

The event will feature an expo of Kumaravyasa Bharata poetic books, screening of documentary and rendition of Kumaravyasa poetry.

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar will inaugurate. Mysuru District Kannada Lecturers Forum President Kyathamaranahalli M. Mahesh and Surana Evening College (Kengeri) faculty Dr. D. Geetha will be the chief guests. Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal will preside.

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FLEETING THOUGHTS

Valentine's Day

tamasha & the moral police

Valentine's Day, the official day of lovers, causes nationwide anxiety. In some States, it is banned. In others, it is discouraged. Young couples are warned, parks are patrolled and love is advised to stay indoors or better yet, wait until marriage.

Florists, however, have no such moral dilemma. For them, Valentine's Day is the IPL of romance. On that day, a rose that normally costs Rs. 10 suddenly costs Rs. 50. And people in love happily pay, because nothing says 'I love you' like an overpriced rose.

To extend the celebration and the billing, florists invent an entire week: Rose Day, Propose Day, Chocolate Day. By February 14, couples are emotionally fulfilled and financially exhausted.

The balloons deflate, the chocolates disappear and the roses wither. But what about love?

We use 'I love you' as casually as a WhatsApp forward, without stopping to ask what love actually means. Is it available at a premium on Valentine's Day and discounted for the rest of the year? We are told love must be forever. Because if it isn't forever, then clearly it was never love. Yet love, like everything else in life, comes with conditions written in fine print.

In India, only married couples are officially allowed to love. Unmarried adults falling in love is suspicious. And people of the same gender falling in love is outrageous. Someone must alert the moral police.

Interestingly, the moral police is always vigilant, always alert, always ready to protect Indian culture from the shocking sight of two consenting adults sitting on the same park bench. Hand-holding is a crime. Kissing in public is cultural terrorism. What about public urination? Just ignore it.

The logical culmination of love is marriage. I had an arranged marriage, like most people of my generation. A few days after our wedding, a Swiss couple we met, asked us the obvious question: "So… how did you two meet?"

"We had an arranged marriage," we replied.

"My parents replied to the ad given by his parents," I added.

They looked at us as if we had said, "We met through a government tender." But in India, that is romance, with proper documentation. Nearly 90% of marriages here are arranged and 90% are successful. At least statistically. After all, if a husband and wife live in the same house and attend weddings and funerals together, the marriage is considered a success. What happens inside the home is nobody's business.

These days, arranged marriages come with a trial version. The boy and girl meet (under supervision), talk (carefully) and decide whether they can tolerate each other for the next 40-50 years. Which raises an awkward question: where exactly should they meet? In the living room, with parents pretending not to listen? In a café, risking arrest? In a park, under the watchful eyes of culture-protectors? In a hotel? Definitely not.

So the best solution is blind marriage. We joke that love is blind, but apparently, marriage must be legally blind, socially deaf and emotionally muted. Meanwhile, our TV screens overflow with vulgarity. Explicit content is 'cool.' Cuss words are fashionable. If you don't use them, you're an 'old aunty.' All that doesn't corrupt culture. What truly threatens society is the sight of a man and a woman holding hands in public.

So this Valentine's Day, whether you celebrate it or oppose it, do buy a rose. Not necessarily to express love, but to support your local florist. Roses may fade and Valentine's Day may pass, but our hypocrisy? That's forever, just like love.

Happy Valentine's Day

—Sujata Rajpal,
Author and Columnist

Former VP Naidu

leaves for Madikeri in helicopter from Mysuru

Former Vice-President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu seen with KEA CEO K. Rudresh at the Government Guest House in Nazarbad this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&DM)- Former Vice-President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu, who arrived in the city last evening, left for Madikeri this morning.

Venkaiah Naidu, accompanied by his wife M. Usha, landed at Mysore Airport from Chennai at 6.45 pm last evening and drove straight to Government Guest House at Nazarbad, where he stayed overnight. During his stay, the jurisdictional Nazarbad Police provided security as per protocol.

He left for Madikeri by a helicopter from Mysore Airport today at 10.15 am and landed at the helipad at Timbertales, Kedakal, Modur Post, Madikeri, at 11 am, from where he will travel by road to Madikeri & stay at Green Park.

Later, he will take part in Coorg Cultural Programmes at Green Park and stay for the night. Tomorrow (Feb. 15), he will take part in 90th birthday celebrations of Atluri Purnachandra Rao at Green Park, followed by Karnatak Cultural programmes.

He will stay at Green Park, Madikeri, till Feb. 18. He will depart Madikeri by a helicopter at 11 am on Feb. 18 and land at Mysore Airport at 11.50 am, from where he will travel to Government Guest House in Nazarbad.

Later, Naidu will depart Mysuru for Bengaluru by Shatabdi Express train at 2.15 pm on Feb. 18. Upon reaching Bengaluru, Naidu will stay at Loka Bhavan (formerly Raj Bhavan), till Feb. 21.

City woman crowned 'Maven Ms. Plus Size India 2025-26'

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (GA&BS)- Anjali B. Gupta, a woman from the city, was crowned as the winner of Maven Ms. Plus Size India Season 8 (2025-26), at a grand finale held at Chandigarh tricity region recently.

Anjali B. Gupta

Addressing media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city recently, Dr. Anjali said, it is a first of its kind achievement for a Mysurean from South India, as until last year, contestants from North India were winning the title. The event featured 50 finalists, which later came down to 15 through eliminations, culminating in a rigorous Q&A session.

She said, everybody has some or other complaints related to their bodily growth, following which, she has been actively visiting the schools and colleges and participating in the events organised by various Associations and organisations, to deliver a motivational speech and instil a confidence, with a hope of transforming their mindset.

Anjali is an athlete and coach and has excelled in Mixed Martial Arts, Kickboxing and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. A second-generation entrepreneur and daughter of Founder Dr. Alok Gupta, she is also the owner and MD of Mysore Wifiltronics Pvt. Ltd., an ISO 13485 and MDSAP certified medical devices manufacturing company in city. She also serves as Director at sister company Glowtronics Pvt. Ltd.

Dacoity at Bilikere petrol bunk

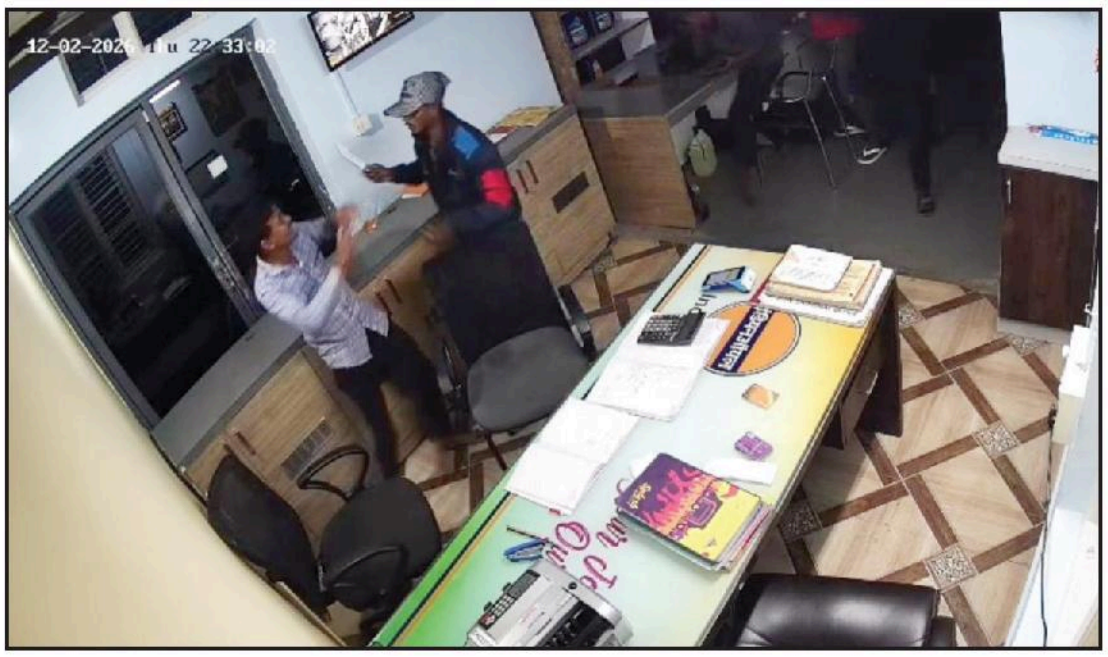
Youths attack petrol bunk staff, steal Rs. 15,000; culprits still missing

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&BCT)- A gang of five armed men barged into a service station-cum-petrol bunk at Bilikere in Hunsur taluk on the night of Feb. 12. The incident occurred at around 10.30 pm at Swami Petrol Bunk & Service Station in Karimuddanahalli near Bilkere, where the dacoits assaulted two staff members and looted Rs. 15,300.

The robbery and assault were captured on CCTV cameras. The gang arrived in a Skoda Slavia car without a number plate, initially pretending to refuel. They then forced their way into the office, attacked the staff with deadly weapons, snatched the cash and fled.

According to the Police complaint, cashier Ajay Kumar was handling the day's accounts when, at about 9.49 pm, a man aged around 26 to 27 years arrived at the station.

He first filled a bottle with drinking water and later asked for diesel. Ajay Kumar informed him that the pump had already been switched off, but offered five litres of stored diesel. The man scanned the Paytm QR code with his mobile phone, saying he would make the payment within ten minutes and return.



A CCTV grab of one of the gang members threatening the petrol bunk employee with a dagger.

At approximately 10.22 pm, the same man returned with four armed accomplices in a car without a number plate. Armed with daggers and machetes, the group barged into the office, assaulted Ajay Kumar and another staff member, Dinesh, and demanded to know where the cash was kept.

During the scuffle, one of the assailants snatched Rs. 15,300 from the cashier's desk. Ajay Kumar managed to escape and raise an alarm. In their haste, the attackers left behind a machete inside the office before fleeing towards nearby fields.

Ajay Kumar sustained injuries to his left arm and back, while Dinesh suffered wounds to his forehead and right shoulder. Both were treated at Surya Yashodha Hospital before a complaint was lodged at the Bilikere Police Station.

Bilikere Police, who have registered a case, have secured the abandoned weapon and launched an investigation to trace the culprits.

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Illegal conversion of Special Agricultural Zone around Chamundi Hill

MDA Commr. converts land for... MLC Uncle?!

alleges MLA T.S. Srivatsa

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (BCT)- Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa has alleged that the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), at one of its meetings, illegally resolved to convert the 'Special Agricultural Zone' at the foot of Chamundi Hill into a residential zone and recommended the same to the State Government for approval.

He said that he would lodge a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta, urging the investigative agency to bring the guilty officers to book.

"I had already submitted a complaint 15 days ago to the Chief Secretary and the Urban Development Secretary regarding this illegal resolution, but I have not received any response so far. I will approach the Upa Lokayukta," he told *Star of Mysore*.

Clear rule violation

"In 2016, under the leadership of then CM Siddaramaiah, rules were framed prohibiting any change in the Special Agricultural Zone around Chamundi Hill until 2031. The rules specify permitted activities in the zone, such as the construction of a single house, an orphanage or an educational institution, but do not allow conversion into residential layouts," Srivatsa said.

However, on Aug. 8, 2025, in its first meeting, MDA resolved to convert the Special Agricultural Zone into a residential zone on the grounds that no agricultural activities were taking place and recommended the proposal to the Government.

Favouritism alleged

"An application was submitted to convert 4 acres and 27 guntas in Survey No. 98 in Mysuru taluk's Kasaba Hobli, Kurubarahalli village, from a 'special agricultural zone' to a residential zone. This is nepotism because a press publication by MDA dated July 14, 2025, calling for public objections, referred to the same conversion of 4 acres and 27 guntas of land in the name of sitting MLC Madhu G. Madegowda from the 'Special Agricultural Zone' to a residential zone.

The MDA Commissioner should have clarified that such a recommendation cannot be made, but he did not and he went ahead. This he did because he, the MDA Commissioner, is the blood relative of MLC Madhu-Madegowda, so he has acted with nepotistic bias.

Srivatsa claimed that this favouritism has led to the illegal conversion of 47 acres of land worth Rs. 500 crore into residential use at the foot of Chamundi Hill and demanded that all such illegal resolutions be exposed and disciplinary action taken against those responsible.

According to the rules, after the formation of MDA, a permanent chairman, four members and legislators should have been appointed to the MDA Board, making a total of 19 members.

However, at present, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, only seven officials, along with the Government representative and Urban Development Department Joint Secretary, Bengaluru, Krishnamurthy, form part of a nine-member committee.

Minister involved?

Since officials are unlikely to oppose the DC's decision, Srivatsa alleged that Krishnamurthy may have been pressured by influential persons to agree to the resolution.

He further alleged that such a move could only be possible with the involvement of Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh.

Srivatsa insisted that even a full-fledged MDA Board would not have the authority to pass such an unlawful resolution and demanded criminal cases against all those present at the Aug. 8, 2025, MDA meeting and the Minister.

> "In 2016, under the leadership of then Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, rules were framed prohibiting any change in the Special Agricultural Zone around Chamundi Hill until 2031.
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> The rule only permits limited activities in the zone, such as construction of a 'single house,' an orphanage or an educational institution and does not allow conversion for residential layouts.
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> MDA published an advertisement dated July 14, 2025, mentioning the conversion of 4 acres and 27 guntas of land in the name of sitting MLC Madhu G. Madegowda from the 'Special Agricultural Zone' to a residential zone.
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> **— T.S. Srivatsa, MLA, Krishnaraja Constituency**

Land use change not sent to Government: MDA Commr.

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&BCT)- Reacting to allegations by MLA T.S. Srivatsa that the MDA had permitted the development of new housing layouts at the foot of Chamundi Hill, MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith clarified that no such proposal had been sent to the Government.

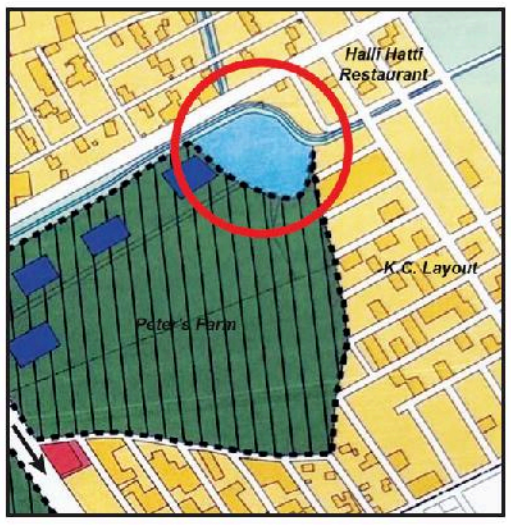
"The land is private property located 100 metres beyond the Chamundi Hill Buffer Zone. The land falls under a Special Agricultural Zone and abuts an existing MDA layout. Under Section 14(a) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961, there is a provision to change land use from agricultural to residential," he said.

"Although the proposal was placed before the MDA Board meeting on Aug. 8, 2025, and the Board decided to forward it to the Government for approval of land conversion. However, the proposal has not yet been sent. Therefore, the question of land use change or conversion does not arise," he added.

K.R. Rakshith

"Before any proposal reaches the Board, it is scrutinised, inspected and examined by MDA officials, and only genuine proposals are presented and subsequently sent for Government approval. We cannot place any illegal proposal, as alleged," he said.

Lake Saved



The lake clearly visible and demarcated in the map of Mysuru Development Authority (circled red). Picture right: *Lake area filled and walled up overnight which was demolished today afternoon by the Taluk Administration.*

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MLA's deadline

The action followed warnings from Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, who had demanded that encroachments be cleared before the Mahashivarathri festival, cautioning that he himself would lead the clearance drive if officials failed to act.

On Feb. 12, Srivatsa issued a 48-hour deadline. The MLA had also raised the issue in the State Assembly.

Acting on this, Tahsildar Mahesh inspected the site and immediately initiated the clearance operation. Encroachment removal was carried out at identified locations around the lake, marking a significant step in protecting public land in the Chamundi Hill region.

Second demolition

A similar encroachment attempt was made on March 19, 2015, when a compound wall was constructed around the lake. Following intense struggle by residents and villagers who knew about the water body, the then District Administration demolished the compound wall and cleared the encroachment.

Historical records

In Survey No. 4 of Kurubarahalli, Nagrajappa, acting on behalf of the Mysore Maharaja, had leased 33.28 acres of land on Jan. 15, 1971, to Maniyamma, wife of Narayanappa.

At the time, 3.17 guntas of land was classified as 'kere katte' or 'karlakatte' (lake bund) in the lease deed. However, individuals encroached upon the land and constructed a compound wall.

38th All India Postal Cultural Meet 2026

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (MTY& VNS)- The Karnataka Postal Circle will be hosting the five-day 38th All India Postal Cultural Meet (AIPCM)-2026, a national-level event at Postal Training Centre (PTC) and Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) premises, said Sandesh Mahadevappa, Director (Headquarters), Karnataka Postal Circle, here this morning.

Addressing the media persons at Postal Training Centre, he said a total of 335 postal officials from 21 Postal Circles across India would be taking part in the cultural meet to be held between Feb. 16 and 20 .

The inaugural event will be on Feb. 16 at Cauvery Auditorium in KSOU premises at 10 am and valedictory will be held at same premises on Feb. 20.

Padma Shri awardee Pt. M. Venkatesh Kumar will be the chief guest.

K. Prakash, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru, will preside over both inaugural and valedictory event.

The Karnataka Postal Circle has also selected a team of 26 members, including 13 men and 13 women, who will be representing the Karnataka Circle at the 38th All India Postal Cultural Meet.

Ashish Singh Thakur, Director, Postal Training Centre (PTC), Mysuru and V. Tara, Director, Bengaluru Central Region were present in the press meet.

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Train stuck!

Passengers inconvenienced for two hours as Chennai-Mysuru Express halts on track near Naganahalli; impacts other trains

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (RK&DM)- Thousands of passengers travelling in Chennai-Mysuru Weekly Express (Train No. 22682) had to face a lot of inconvenience as the locomotive train stopped on the track between Srirangapatna and Naganahalli section due to engine failure yesterday morning.

The Weekly Express, which arrived at KSR Bengaluru Station from Chennai at around 5 am on Friday, left Bengaluru for Mysuru at its scheduled time of 5.20 am. As the train crossed Srirangapatna and was about to reach Naganahalli Station, the locomotive suddenly developed a technical snag at around 7.30 am, due to which the train came to a halt.

Soon, the loco pilots reported the matter to Mysuru Railway Station authorities, who dispatched another locomotive (relief locomotive) to replace the broken-down locomotive. It took a good 2 hours to detach the broken-down locomotive and attach the relief locomotive to the bogies of the Express Train.

After a lot of effort by the Railway technical staff, the locomotive attachment was done and the bogies of the Express Train were brought to Mysuru Railway Station at around 9.45 am.

The incident also severely affected the schedule of other trains that followed from Bengaluru to Mysuru yesterday.

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Night of Shiva tomorrow

Secretary of Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Abhivrudhi Pradhikara M.J. Roopa handing over the Golden Mask, which will adorn the idol at Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple at Mysore Palace premises tomorrow. Picture right shows the 101 Lingas at Gurukula on Ramanuja Road being cleaned on the eve of Mahashivarathri festival.

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (MTY&BS)- Temples with Lord Shiva as presiding deity in the city are being decked up for Mahashivarathri festival tomorrow.

Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple located near Jayamarthanda Gate of Mysore Palace is the main attraction of the festival every year as the idol of Linga is adorned with *Chinnada Kolaga* (Golden Mask). As it is holiday for Government employees today, the *Kolaga* was brought in a box from the District Treasury to the temple yesterday amid heavy Police bandobast.

Secretary of Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Abhivrudhi Pradhikara M.J. Roopa and Muzrai and Religious Endowment Department officers were present.

Priest of Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple Santhanam said, prior to the decoration of the idol with *Chinnada Kolaga,* various Abhishekas will be performed to the deity. The *Chinnada Kolaga* will adorn the idol at 5 am, followed by decorations using myriad flowers. At 6 am, Abhisheka will be performed in the name of royal scion, before opening the temple for devotees.

The temple will remain open till Monday (Feb. 16) early morning, before taking the *Chinnada Kolaga* back to the Treasury at 11 am.

Gurukula

The 101 Lingas installed at Shilpi Siddanthi Siddalinga Swamy's Gurukula on Ramanuja Road in the city, another major attraction during Shivarathri, is also being spruced up for the festival.

Since yesterday, the idols are being cleaned as the Gurukula is opened only once in a year for this festival of Lord Shiva.

Likewise, the Shivarathri related arrangements are also being made at Sri Chandramouliswara Temple in V.V. Mohalla, Sri Kameshwara Kameshwari Temple on Ramanuja Road, Mahadeshwara temples in Sunnadakeri, Halladakeri, Kumbarakoppal, Paduvarahalli and other localities across the city which will be thronged by devotees.

Vishista Bhushana-2026

Mysuru, Feb. 14- Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, an Academy par excellence in the field of Bharatanatyam headed by internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam artiste couple Guru Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan, Artistic Directors of the Academy, Mysuru and Bengaluru, have come up with a unique 'Natyanjali' on account of Shivarathri for the third consecutive year tomorrow — as Vishishta Bhushana 2026 — where artistes from different parts of India will be performing all night.

Devotees can catch up with these performances at Sri Trineshwara Swamy Temple, Mysore Palace, from 6.30 pm throught out the night of Shivarathri.

6.30 pm: Inauguration.

6.40 pm: Bharatanatyam by Nrithya Kuteera (Disciples of Vidu. Deepa Bhat), Bengaluru.

7.05 pm: Bharatnatyam Solo by Swashya Vinodh, Bengaluru.

7.30 pm: Bharatanatyam Trio by Dr. Anjana Bhushan, Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, Bengaluru and Mysuru.

8 pm: Bharatanatyam by Vaishnavi Natyashala (Disciples of Guru Mithun Shyam), Bengaluru.

8.25 pm: Bharatanatyam Solo by S. Yashaswini, Bengaluru.

8.50 pm: Bharatanatyam by Kalasangama Dance Academy (Disciples of Vidushi K.V. Nandini), Bengaluru.

9.15 pm: Bharathanatyam Solo by Vaishnavi Anjan, Mysuru.

9.40 pm: Bharatanatyam by Kalanidhi School of Dance, Mysuru.

10.05 pm: Bharatanatyam Solo by Ankitha Sreenivas, Bengaluru.

10.45 pm: Bharatanatyam by Badari Divya Bhushan, Mysuru.

Nrityagiri's Mahashivarathri events

Mysuru, Feb. 14- As part of Mahashisvarathri, Nrityagiri, Mysuru, has organised the following programmes at Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple, Lingambudhi Palya Road, Srirampura 2nd Stage, Mysuru, as follows:

6 pm to 7 pm: Music by students of Vidu. Kavita, Sri Guru Kripa Kala Kendra.

7 pm to 9 pm: Bharatanatyam by the junior students of Nrityagiri.

9 pm to 9.45 pm: Music and dance by Chaaru Samskritika Kendra.

9.45 pm to 10.15 pm: Vocal by M. Sanvi and M. Poorvi (Students of Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi, Mahati Sangeeta Shaale).

10.15 pm to 10.45 pm: Vocal by Vidu. Rekha Venkatesh, Sharada Kala Kendra.

10.45 pm to 1 am: Bharatanatyam by Senior students of Nrityagiri & students of Vidu. N.S. Lakshmi, Nrityanveshana School.

Temples gear up of Shivarathri special pujas, homas

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (SPN&DM)- As part of Mahashivarathri celebrations, special pujas will be performed at **Sri Prasanna Shivalingeshwaraswamy temple** on Vishwamanava Double Road in Kuvempunagar here tomorrow.

The rituals will begin at 5.30 am with Rudrabhisheka, followed by Mahamangalarathi and conclude with Rudrabhisheka at 4 am the next morning, followed by Mahamangalarathi.

Singer A.D. Srinivasan and team will render devotional songs and Bhavageethe in the temple premises at 7 pm.

Amrutheshwara Temple

Special pujas will also be performed at Sri Amrutheshwaraswamy temple on Dewan's Road from Feb. 14 to 17.

The rituals include Panchamrutha Rudrabhisheka, 108 Parthiva Linga Puja etc.

On Feb. 17 (Amavasya - New Moon Day), special pujas such as Kalasarpa Shanti, Mrutyunjaya Homa, Mangalya Mangala Chandika Homa, Swayamvara Parvathi Homa, Dakshinamurthy and Dhanvantari Homa, Subramanya Homa, Kujashanti Homa, Navagraha Homa and Shani Shanti Homa will be performed.

Umamaheshwara Temple

Sri Umamaheshwara temple at KHB Colony, Kuvempunagar 2nd Stage, will commence with Rudrabhisheka at 6 am, followed by Mahamangalarathi tomorrow.

The Modala (first) Jaavada Puja will be held at 6 pm, followed by the second one at 9 pm, the third one at 12 midnight and the fourth and last one at 4 am, the next morning. Subsequently, Mahamangalarati will be performed and Prasada will be distributed to the devotees. For details, contact Mob: 94480-92818.

Mass Shiva Namaskara

Sri Pathanjali Yoga Shiksha Samithi (SPYSS), Karnataka, has organised Mass Shiva Namaskara at Sri Ganapathy Sachidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, tomorrow (Feb. 15) from 5.30 am to 7 am. Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji will inaugurate the programme.

Shivarathri Jathra Mahotsava at Bogadi

Shivarathri Jathra Mahotsava will be held at Sri Nagalingeshwara, Sri Bhogeshwara, Saptamatruka Hiri Devamma temple at Bogadi in the city on Feb.15.

The rituals will begin at 5 am on Feb.15, with Mahasankalpa, Ganapathi Puja, Panchamrutha Abhisheka, Archane, Sahasranama, Shivapanchakshari Homa, Trishati and Mrutyunjaya Homas.

Mass Bhajans will be held from 6.30 am to 11 am, following which there will be a Bharatanatyam performance, Sugama Sangeetha and devotional songs.

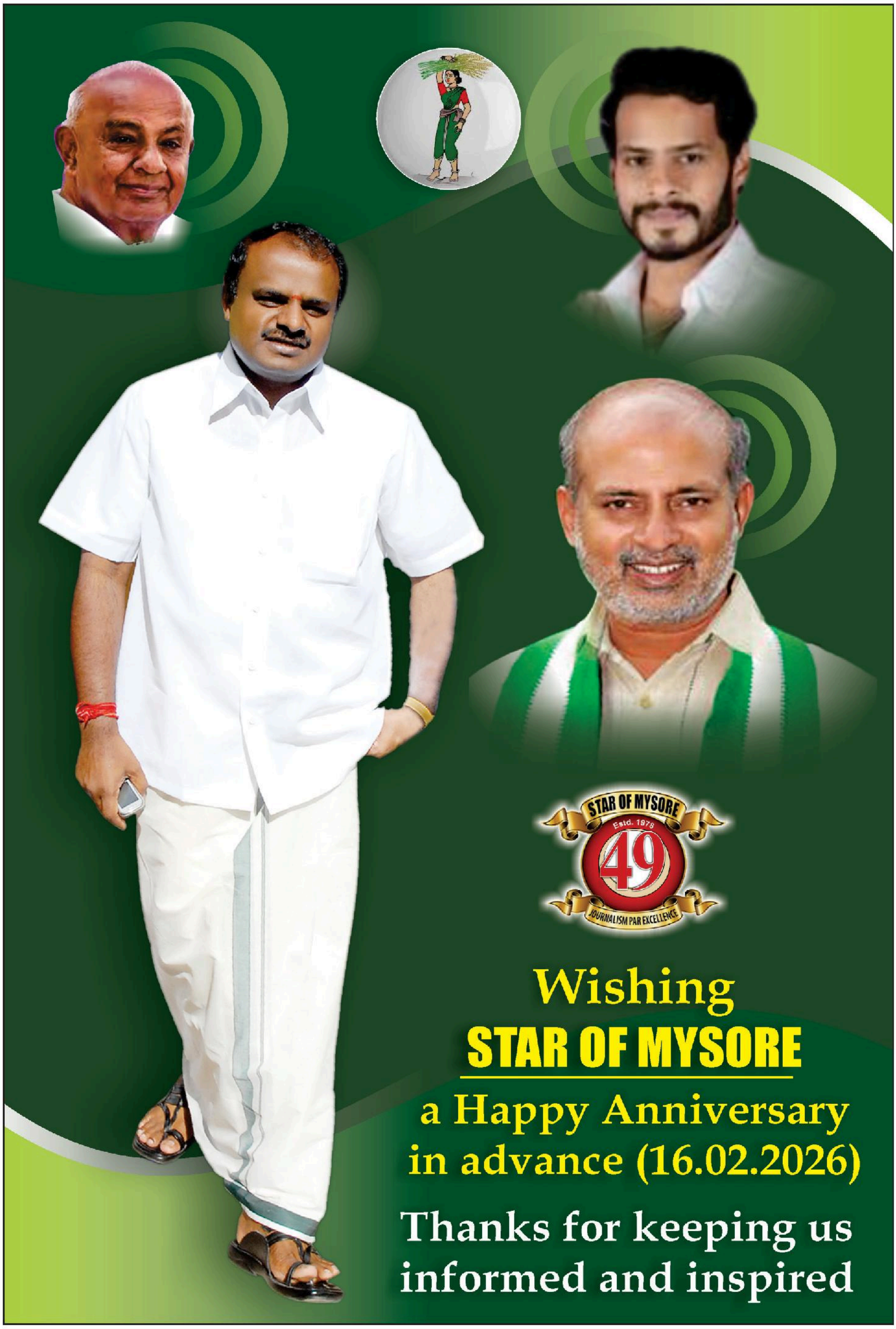
Shivarathri at Suttur

Mahashivarathri puja rituals will begin at 6 am at Suttur Mutt in Nanjangud taluk tomorrow and will continue till 6 am the next morning.

On Feb.15, Shivadeekshe will be held at 7 pm, followed by Silver Chariot Prakarotsava at 9.30 pm. The event will also feature cultural programmes by JSS Residential School students at 5.30 pm, followed by devotional songs by J.R. Anusha and team at 8 pm, Shivakatha by Srilalitha Uliyaru at 10.30 pm, Neelagarara Mela by Kalappa and team at 1 am on Feb.16 and Mass Bhajans by Sri Basaveshwara Bhajan team at 5 am.

Mass Bhajans will also be held at Karthru Gadduge, Sri Veerabhadreshwara and Sri Narayanaswamy cluster temples from 6 am on Feb.15 to 6 am on Feb.16.

As part of Amavasya, special pujas will be performed on Feb.17. Contact Mob: 88969-64242.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Cyclists pedal for clean city

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (MTY&VNS)- More than 300 cycling enthusiasts, including school children and elders, took part in the Cycle Jatha organised by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) as part of the ongoing 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' in Mysuru this morning.

The Jatha was flagged-off by MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) Assistant Director Bhaskar Naik in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at Mysore Palace North Gate. The cyclists, gathered with cycling gears, gathered in front of temple as early as 6 am.

The 14-km Cycle Jatha passed through K.R. Circle, D. Devaraja Urs Road, JLB Road, City Railway Station, Irwin Road, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle, Nelson Mandela Road, LIC Circle, JSS Medical College, Dandi Maramma Circle and returned through LIC Circle, Nelson Mandela Road, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, K.R. Circle, Silver Jubilee Clock Tower and culminated at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

Earlier, flagging-off the Jatha, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif said, "MCC had been working round-the-clock to ensure the city was kept clean with an aim to win back past glory of city being declared as the 'Cleanest City.'

"Several programmes have been organised by the MCC for which public co-operation is needed. Last year, because of active public participation, the Mysuru city emerged as the third cleanest in the 3-10 population category. We can achieve the same fete on public extending their co-operation. In this regard, people need to ensure that waste is not dumped on road and solid waste and wet waste are segregated at homes," he added.

DYES Assistant Director Bhaskar Naik administered the cleanliness oath for participants.

MCC had also provided 120 Trin Trin bicycles for the participants. MCC Officers, Environment Engineers, Paurakarmikas and other were present.

Winners of Management & Technical Fest CREO

Mysuru. Feb. 14- Sree Cauvery First Grade College, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, had organised a one-day State-level Inter-College Management and Technical Fest CREO-2026 on Feb. 6 at the College premises.

The programme was inaugurated by former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev.

A total of 307 students participated in seven different events such as Technical, Marketing, Human Resources, Finance, Best Manager, Minutes to win and Treasure hunt.

The Overall Trophy was bagged by RNS First Grade College, Bengaluru and Runner-up Trophy by St. Joseph's College, Mysuru.

Students of RNS First Grade College, Bengaluru, who won Overall Trophy in State-level Inter-College Management & Technical Fest CREO-2026, are seen with K.M. Padmavathi, Principal, Sree Cauvery First Grade College; Amulya Mysore, Playback Singer & Architect; Dr. N. Ningaraju, Lecturer, University Evening College, Mysuru; Dr. C.E. Subramanya, Administrator, Sree Cauvery First Grade College; M.P. Nanaiah, Vice-Chairman, Sree Cauvery Education Council and K.P. Kariappa, Hon. Treasurer, Sree Cauvery Education Council.

The Management members, Administrator, Principal, staff and the students were present on the occasion.

The chief guest for the valedictory function was Amulya Mysore, a Playback Singer and Architect.

Velodrome: Dist. Minister talks to CM

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (BS)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa held discussions with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Feb. 12, over the handing over of land to the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) for the construction of velodrome for cycling and other sports related facilities in Mysuru city.

In his post on 'X', Dr. Mahadevappa has shared the information related to the submission of proposal for land, as it requires not less than 10 acres of land to build the velodrome. The proposal has been conceptualised to encourage professional cycling and to host national and international events.

This follows the prolonged delay in the execution of velodrome-related plans, as the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, had announced a budgetary allocation of Rs. 10 crore for the same project, in 2023-24.

R. Chethan, Commissioner of Directorate of Youth Empowerment and Sports Department and others were present.

R. Chethan, Commissioner of Directorate of Youth Empowerment & Sports Department, explaining about velodrome proposal to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at Bengaluru recently in the presence of District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and other officials.

T20 ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP INDIA & SRI LANKA 2026

TODAY'S MATCH [FEB. 14]

New Zealand Vs **South Africa**
Venue: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad
Time: 7 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES [FEB. 15]

West Indies Vs **Nepal**
Venue: Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai
Time: 11 am

USA Vs **Namibia**
Venue: M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai
Time: 3 pm

India Vs **Pakistan**
Venue: R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
Time: 7 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS [FEB. 13]

USA 196/6 (20 overs)
BEAT
Netherlands 103 all out (15.5 overs)

Canada 150/7 (20 overs)
LOST TO
UAE 151/5 (19.4 overs)

Zimbabwe 169/2 (20 overs)
BEAT
Australia 146 all out (19.3 overs)

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Thousands chant Hanuman Chalisa

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetham leads the religious event

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (BLU&BS)- The chants of *Jai Sri Ram* and *Jai Hanuman* reverberated at the day-long Sri Hanuman Chalisa Parayana Mahayagna, organised by Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram at Maharaja's College Grounds here this morning, to pray for *Loka Kalyana* (Welfare of the World).

A life-size, bejewelled idol of Lord Hanuman decorated with a crown, was the main attraction. Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, the main pontiff of Sri Ganapathy Ashram, worshipped the idol, by showering *Veelyedale* (betel leaves).

Earlier, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji clad in ochre, walked into the venue, through the specially built ramp, even as the devotees waved saffron flags printed with slogans like - *Jai Sri Ram* and *Om Namo Hanumathe Namaha*.

Lord Ram's sacrifice

Addressing the huge turnout of devotees, Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji said, "Lord Sri Ram, sacrificed for the cause of the country and peace of the people. The Lord spread a message to live for the cause of dharma. Whatever we say in praise of Lord Sri Ram, still proves less. So everybody should chant *Rama Nama*, as the latter is described as the powerhouse of the knowledge. So also Lord Hanuman, the close aide of Lod Sri Ram, should be worshipped, to be blessed with fame, peace and power."

Junior pontiff of Ganapathy Ashram, Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji was avowed the confluence of devotees and appealed everyone to join the initiative launched by the Swamiji.

Arrangements

Separate seating arrangements were made for the dignitaries and others, with barricades erected throughout the venue.

The copies of 'Valmiki Ramayana', containing 100 slokas, was distributed with the slogan- *Laksha Prathigala Mahayagna*- among the gathering.

On the either side of the dais, LED screens were installed, for the benefit of those seated behind to watch the event.

Prasada boxes

Boxes of prasada containing- vegetable pulav, uddina vada and kesari bath, along with water bottles were distributed.

Security

As part of security arrangements, Door Framed Metal Detectors (DFMD) were installed by the Police at the entrance of the venue, besides frisking the people with Hand Held Metal Detectors (HHMD).

Krishnaraja (KR) MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLA and city BJP President L. Nagendra, former MLA S.A. Ramdas, Kannada actor-couple Vashista Simha and Haripriya, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra, Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions President R. Vasudev Bhat and others were present.

KSRTC to provide free bus travel for II PU exam students

Mysuru, Feb. 14 (BLU&DM)- With the Second PU exams scheduled to take place from Feb. 28 to Mar. 17, the KSRTC will be providing free bus travel to students appearing for the exam.

Accordingly, the students can travel without any fare in KSRTC buses from their place of stay to exam centres from Feb. 28 to Mar. 17.

The students are required to show their Exam Hall ticket to the bus conductor for free travel to exam centres. The KSRTC has also taken measures for operating more services on exam days for the benefit of students.

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Sd/- Suhael Iftakar

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued to the general public that my client intends to purchase the immovable property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder from its present owners All persons having any right, title, interest, claim, demand, lien, charge, mortgage, lease, tenancy, easement, inheritance, agreement of sale, attachment, acquisition proceedings, litigation, or any other encumbrance whatsoever over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY are hereby required to notify the undersigned in writing, along with documentary proof of such claim, within Seven (07) days from the date of publication of this Notice.
If no objections or claims are received within the aforesaid period, it shall be presumed that there are no claims whatsoever over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY, and my Client shall proceed to complete the purchase transaction. Any claim received thereafter shall not bind my Client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry land in Sy. No. 27/3, measuring One Acre Five Guntas (1.05.00.00), situated at Inam Uttanahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on as follows:
EAST by : M. C. Hundi Main Road
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SOUTH by : Sy. No. 27/2.
Sd/- Prakash Kalappa,
Advocate & Legal Consultant
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New Sayyaji Rao Road, Fort Mohalla,
Mysore -570 004.
Cell : 93431 12535,
Email : mnprakashkalappa@gmail.com
Date : 13.02.2026, Place : Mysuru

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Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Smt. REKHA, W/o. R. Shankar, residing at House No. A-37, High Ways Colony, Suramangalam, Salem, Tamil Nadu – 636005, along with her family members, has agreed to sell the Schedule Item Property described hereunder to my Client, representing that she is the absolute owner of the same and that the property is free from all encumbrances.
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SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ITEM-1
All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry land in Sy. No. 192/1, measuring Three Guntas (0.03.00.00), situated at Chatnahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on as follows:
EAST by : Sy. No. 192/6, WEST by : Sy. No. 192/5
NORTH by : Government Land and Road, SOUTH by : Sy. No. 193/3
ITEM-2
All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry land in Sy. No. 192/5, measuring Four Guntas (0.04.00.00), situated at Chatnahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on as follows: EAST by : Sy. No. 192/1, WEST by : Sy. No. 192/2
NORTH by : Government Land and Road, SOUTH by : Sy. No. 193/12
ITEM-3
All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry land in Sy. No. 193/3, measuring Fifteen Guntas (0.15.00.00), situated at Chatnahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on as follows: EAST by : Sy. No. 193/16, WEST by : Sy. No. 193/12
NORTH by : Sy. No. 192/1, 6. SOUTH by : Sy. No. 193/5
ITEM-4
All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry land in Sy. No. 193/5, measuring One Acre Sixteen Guntas (1.16.00.00), situated at Chatnahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on as follows: EAST by : Sy. No. 191 & 187/8, WEST by : Sy. No. 193/14, 15, NORTH by : Sy. No. 193/8, 7, 6, 12, 3, 16, SOUTH by : Sy. No. 186/7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & Sy. No. 187/8
ITEM-5
All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry land in Sy. No. 193/12, measuring Eight Guntas (0.08.00.00), situated at Chatnahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on as follows: EAST by : Sy. No. 193/3, WEST by : Sy. No. 193/6
NORTH by : Sy. No. 192/5, SOUTH by : Sy. No. 193/5.
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WORD OF THE DAY

Tabula rasa

Pronunciation: TAB-yuh-luh-RAH-zuh (Noun).

Meaning: In general use, tabula rasa refers to something existing in an original pristine state. In philosophy, tabula rasa refers to the mind in its hypothetical primary blank or empty state before receiving outside impressions.

Origin: Philosophers have been arguing that babies are born with minds that are essentially blank slates since the days of Aristotle. (Later, some psychologists took up the position as well.) English speakers have called that initial state of mental emptiness tabula rasa (a term taken from a Latin phrase that translates as "smooth or erased tablet") since the 16th century, but it wasn't until British philosopher John Locke championed the concept in his Essay Concerning Human Understanding in 1690 that the term gained widespread popularity in our language. In later years, a figurative sense of the term emerged, referring to something that exists in an original state and has yet to be altered by outside forces.

Example: "Bella, née Victoria, is a living breathing tabula rasa unfettered by societal pressures, propriety, or niceties." — Ryan Lattanzio, Indie Wire, 16 June 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Dapatical

Lavish; sumptuous; costly

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The Cock of the Walk

Meaning: The phrase refers to someone who acts more important than others in a group.

Origin: The origin of the expression "cock of the walk" isn't known, but this slang term has been in use for more than two hundred years. One story says that in the early 1800s, boatmen traveling the Mississippi River held prize fights between champion fighters from different boats for entertainment. The winner was awarded the title "Cock of the walk" meaning "best of the best".

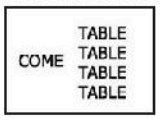
Example: "Jaime loved acting the cock of the walk and ordering everyone around."

QUOTE BOX

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine. **—Anthony J. D'Angelo**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Comfortable.

SUDOKU

	5		2					
			6			9		
7	4	9				5		
	1			4	6	2		
			9		3			
		3	1	5			4	
		8				6	7	2
		1			2			
					8		5	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	4	3	1	8	7	6	2	5
2	5	6	4	3	9	1	7	8
7	8	1	6	2	5	4	9	3
8	9	2	5	6	4	3	1	7
1	6	5	9	7	3	8	4	2
3	7	4	2	1	8	9	5	6
5	2	9	8	4	6	7	3	1
4	3	8	7	5	1	2	6	9
6	1	7	3	9	2	5	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Isle of Man
4 Word to call attention to a quoted mistake
7 Shoe box letters
10 ___ the loss of : regret the loss of?
11 Choti si ___... : Roja's famous song?
13 Writing liquids
14 German physicist, Albert ___
16 Let it stand!
17 Sully
19 Brown-haired girl
21 Chow mein enhancer
24 What to visit when you go to bazaar?
25 Amitabh, Jaya & Pran starrer
27 Wealthy one
29 Ice cream flavour ___-frutti
30 Declared or asserted
33 Scientology founder, Hubbard (1,3)
34 Footlike organ
35 Military intrusion
38 On this occasion only (3,4)
39 Lager or ale
42 Fancily
46 Serving plate
47 In which a wild cat will be at home?
48 __ culpa : an admission of guilt
49 Old Mideast ints.
50 State of drowsy contentment
51 Sturdy tree

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

A	A	G		O	H	M		T	E	A	S	
R	I	O		M	E	A		O	R	B	S	
C	L	O	T	H	I	N	G		P	L	I	E
		D	I	S	T	R	E	S	S	E	D	
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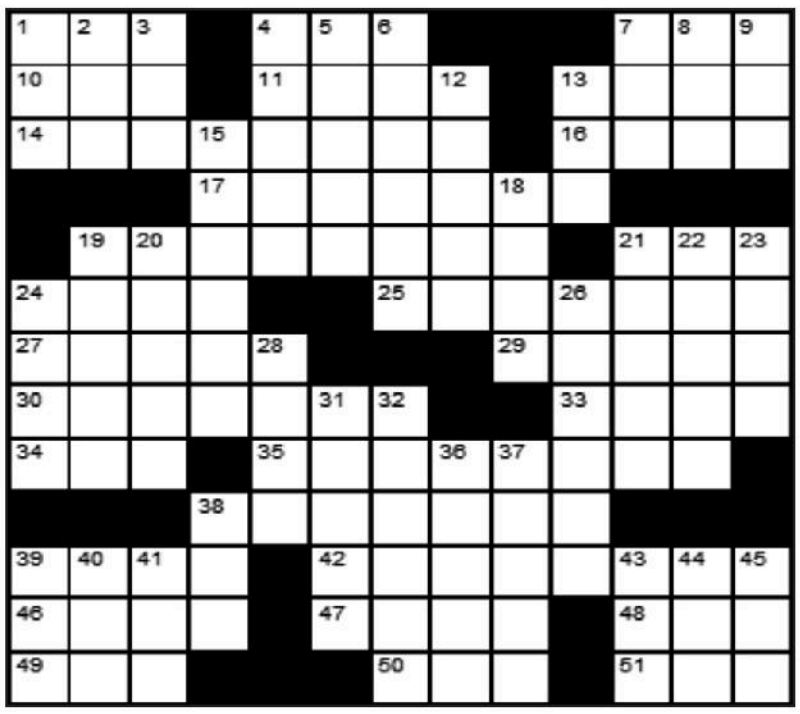
	S	U	N	D	E	R	B	A	N	S		
A	C	N	E		D	I	R	E	C	T	O	R
L	A	D	S		E	Y	E			E	D	O
E	R	O	S		D	A	W			R	D	I

DOWN

1 Anger
2 Yes for the Frenchman
3 Male persons
4 A devil or a demon
5 Rhone River feeder
6 A printed cotton fabric used for draperies
7 Tolkien's tree like creature
8 Supplement
9 Superlative suffix
12 Santa ___ : Californian city?
13 Suffix with "self" or "good"
15 Dazed condition as from drugs
18 Dispatched or transmitted
19 Gandhian Vinoba ___
20 Regal flowing garments?
21 Mumbai's famous cinema house of very long standing?
22 Attacked or engaged in a fight (3,2)
23 Smile or laugh with teeth bared
24 Fast card game
26 Romeo's sweetheart
28 Vivacity
31 Register
32 New World Symphony composer
36 Singer Lennox
37 Neck warmer
38 Cook in hot oil or fat
39 Quantity of heat in FPS units
40 Rather long time interval
41 A head of corn
43 Comedian Philips
44 Piece of meadow
45 Tibetan animal



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BNBKA VYEA RCHGC RB WOHE WXQGYKBQ QWOB

EKYEC RCHGC RB QCWYDV CFNB LJWRJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS W

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: In faith and hope the world will disagree, but all mankind's concern is charity.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  My Lord (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Kaa-The Forest (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Rakkasapuradol (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  45 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  O Sundara Rakshasi (K) - 2 Shows; *Daiva (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Pookie (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  O'Romeo 3 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

O' Romeo (H)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Crime 101 (E)	(S-1)	7.35 pm, 10.25 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Seetha Payana (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	(S-2)	4.20 pm, 7.20 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.15pm, 7pm, 9.45pm
Marali Manasaagide (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Funky (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Landlord (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Pookie (Ka)	(S-1)	4 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Nilave (Te)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
O'Romeo (H)	(S-2)	1 pm, 7 pm
	(S-3)	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Star (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	(S-3)	7.05 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	9.35 am, 12.50 pm , 4.10 pm, 10. 20 pm
O'Romeo (H)	:	9.35 am, 12.50 pm, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Crime 101 (E)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Wuthering Heights (E)	:	10.40 am, 12.55 pm, 6.45 pm
Funky (Te)	:	11. 10 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7. 10 pm
Pookie (Ta)	:	1.55 pm
JC: the University	:	3.50 pm
Funky (Te)	:	11.10 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Landlord (K)	:	4.20 pm
Kariya (K)	:	7.05 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.50 pm
Pennum Porattum (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

O'Romeo (H)	:	10.30am, 12.25pm, 2.10pm, 5.50pm, 9.30pm
Funky (Te)	:	10.35 am, 7.25 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	11.05 am, 4.45 pm
Kariya (K)	:	1.15 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	1.45 pm, 4.25 pm, 10 pm
My Lord (K)	:	4.05 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	7.10 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.25 pm. 10.10 pm
Minnale (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 14)

- **Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali-Kannada:** Kathe Kelona Banni-919, story-telling by Chikkamalali R. Mahadeva, Lecturer, Government Pre-University College, Karimuddanahalli, Hunsur, **4.30 pm;** 'Science Sanje,' talk on 'Post-Independent Indian Science: Less known stories, unimaginable impact' by Prof. L.S. Shashidhara, Director, National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), TIFR, Bengaluru, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum:** Nenapinangala Samvada-2, Senior Theatre Person Srimathi Hariprasad guest, Rangayana premises, **5 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** Girija Kalyana and Divyanama Sankeertana, Maharaja's College Grounds, **6 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 90th anniversary & Mahashivarathri celebrations, Divya Darshana of replica of Gujarat's Sri Somnath Temple, **up to 9 pm;** Discourse by BK Yatna, Vidyaranyapuram, on 'Ashta Shaktigalu,' **6.15 pm to 6.45 pm;** Lecture by Dr. V. Keshavamurthy, Senior Cardiologist, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Mysuru, on 'Hrudayada Arogya,' **7 pm to 8 pm;** Devotional songs by Anvith Kumar & Yogashree, Gonikoppa, ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 15)

- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road:** Mahashivarathri Programme 2026, Maha Rudra Homa commences, **6 am;** Sri Chakra Puja and Maha Rudra Homa Purnahuti, **9 am;** Conferring of Honorary Doctorate on Parama Pujya Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji by Vedic Wellness University, Florida, USA, **10 am;** Maha Rudra Abhisheka by devotees, **11 am;** Puja to Moolikeshwara, **3 pm;** Rudra Abhisheka to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shivalinga by Pujya Sri Swamiji and Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka by devotees, 6.30 pm; Karnatak Violin Duet by JJ Brothers — Vid. Jathin Gudipudi and Vid. Jaswin Gudipudi — accompanied by Vid. M. Chandrakanth on mridanga and Vid. Naresh on rhythm pad, **7 pm;** Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. Arjun Ramkumar, accompanied by Vid. Madhusudhan on violin, Vid. R. Tapan Shankar on mridanga, Vid. R. Manjunath on ghata and Vid. Ramanujam on morching, **10 pm;** Abhishekam to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga with chanting of Rudra Prashna Veda Mantras (11 times) and special decorations, **11 pm.**
- **Sri Chandramouliswara Swamy Devasthanam Charitable Trust, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru:** Mahashivarathri - Darshana, Sri Chandramouliswara Swamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla, **6 am to 6 am (Feb. 16).**
- **Sri Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple Trust, 3rd Cross, Garadikeri, Lashkar Mohalla:** Mahashivarathri Puja Mahotsava, Maharudrabhisheka, **6 am;** Special Maharudrabhisheka, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **6 pm**; Sri Shivaparvati Sri Swamy Utsava Murti and Swarna Kolaga Procession along with Mangalavadya and Nagari, main thoroughfares of Garadikeri, Lashkar Mohalla, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple:** Mahashivarathri, special pujas, deity to be adorned with Chinnada Kolaga (Golden Mask), temple will be open for devotees, Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple, Mysore Palace premises, **6.30 am to 4.30 pm** and **10 pm to 12 midnight.**
- **Sri Kameshwara Kameshwari Temple Dharmika haagu Samskrutika Kainkarya Sabha:** Mahashivarathri, Puja programmes - Yekadashavara Rudrabhisheka, **8 am;** MP and Erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Titular Head Yaduveer Wadiyar will take part, **11.30 am;** Prakarotsava Ashtavadhana Seve, **12.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati, **1 pm;** Abhisheka and Special Puja, **6 pm;** Cultural programmes, Sri Kameshwara Kameshwari Temple, Ramanuja Road, **10 am (Feb. 15) to 2.30 am (Feb. 16).**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 90th anniversary & Mahashivarathri celebrations, Divya Darshana of replica of Gujarat's Sri Somnath Temple, **8 am to 9 pm;** Shivarathri programmes, Cauvery College of Engineering (Mysuru) Principal Dr. R. Deepu, Assistant Superintendent of Mysuru Central Prison M. Deepa, Bharath International Travels (BIT) Founder Mahendra Salian, India Tibet Co-ordination Office Regional Convenor Jayaprakash Raje Urs, entrepreneur Ashok Govindegowda and State BJP Minority Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas chief guests, **6.30 pm;** Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy's Senior Disciples Vidu. Maithreyee Gururaj, Vidu.Vibha Girish, Vidu. Namratha Jois, Vidu. M. Prakruthi, Vidu. Soundarya Panapil to present a rare choreography based on Lord Shiva in Vasundhara Bani, **7 pm to 8 pm;** Devotional Songs by BK Thippaiah and BK Bharati, Bengaluru, ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Open Forum (MOF):** Talk on 'Unravelling Davos Summit - Its Mystery & Mystique' by Sam Cherian, Founder-Chairman, Schevaran Sustainable Cleaning Solutions, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94498-19536].
- **Dakshina Kannada Doctor's Cultural Association, Mysuru:** Geetha Sahitya Sambhrama by Vittal Nayak, Kalladka and Group, Jaganmohan Palace Auditorium, **6 pm.**
- **Maruleshwara Temple,K.G. Koppal, Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust and Negilayogi Mahileyara Hitaishigala Seva Balaga:** Shivarathri, 'Shivadeepotsava-2026' featuring 20,000 Deeparadhane and night-long cultural programmes; Prize distribution for winners of various contests, 'Shiva Panchakshara Mantra Japa,' 6 pm; Cultural programmes, Maruleshwara Temple, K.G. Koppal, **6 pm to 5 am (Feb.16).**
- **Taralabalu Samagama - Taralabalu Educational Institutions:** Mahashivarathri Special Programme, Vachana Gayana by playback singer Ruthvik C. Raj; JSS Mahavidyapeetha Collegiate Education Division Director Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna chief guest, Taralabalu Samagama President D.N. Lokappa presides, Taralabalu Educational Institutions, **7.30 pm.**
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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	9.50am, 12.30pm, 7.30pm, 10.10pm
Crime 101 (E)	:	10 am, 7.05 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.40 pm, 10.20 pm
O'Romeo (H)	:	1.05 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Landlord (Ka)	:	3.50 pm
Funky (Te)	:	4.45 pm
Wuthering Heights (E)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Rama and Ramu (K)	:	10.30 am
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	11 am, 1.55 pm, 7.20 pm
O'Romeo (H)	:	11.10am, 2.40pm, 6.20pm, 10pm
Daiva (Ka)	:	1.15 pm
Minnale (Ta)	:	1.15 pm
Karikaada (K)	:	4.10 pm
Funky (Te)	:	4.35 pm
My Lord (Ta)	:	4.40 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	:	7.10 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	10 pm
Koodothram (Ma)	:	10.30 am

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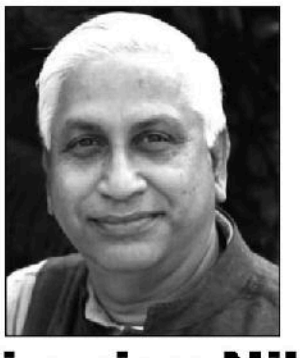

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